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TAKE NOTE

Memorabilia on sale

Club McClellan has McClellan Air Force Base memorabilia for sale. Wine glasses, \$7; T-Shirts, \$7; and hats, \$5. Supplies are limited. For more information, call Club McClellan at 643-3526.

Primary Care moves

The Primary Care Clinic will move to its new location at the Pediatric Clinic today. The Primary Care clinic will be closed after active duty sickcall today and all day Friday. The clinic will reopen Monday. For emergencies call 911. For non-emergency concerns, call 643-7212, select option 4. Beginning Monday, the Primary Care phone number will be 643-8488 for concerns other than appointments. For appointments the number will continue to be 643-7212.

Hazardous Waste training moved

The Hazardous Waste Management training scheduled for Tuesday, has moved from Bldg. 237 theater to Bldg. 200, Room 129. The remaining classes, scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month, will be held in Bldg. 200, Room 129. For more information, call Bob Petersen at 643-0228, Ext. 420.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"



Courtesy photo

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, his wife Janet Langhart Cohen, Tech. Sgt. Michael D. Mays, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, his wife Dora B. Mays, Community Support Center, Carolyn L. Johnson Shelton and her husband Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, pose for a picture during the 1st Military Family Forum at the Pentagon May 31.

Local service member represents AFMC at 1st Military Family Forum

By Sandra Kosmatin

Staff Writer

A McClellan Air Force Base technical sergeant and his wife were one of 11 Air Force families selected to attend the Secretary of Defense's 1st Military Family Forum held at the Pentagon May 31. The theme of the forum was "Addressing Military Quality of Life".

Tech. Sgt. Michael D. Mays, team chief nominee for 938th Engineering Installation Squadron, and his wife Dora B. Mays, personal financial management program manager and Air Force Aid officer in the community support center, were given the prestigious honor to represent McClellan and the Air Force Materiel Command at the first forum of this kind.

The forum was hosted by the Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen and his wife, Janet Langhart Cohen. This was the first-of-its-kind military family forum for approximately 100 military family members representing a cross-section of services, ranks and

geographic locations, including 68 active duty and 32 reserve. The family members from throughout the services met with the Cohens and top defense leaders to promote grassroots communication and exchange quality of life "best practices" around the globe.

According to Cohen, good quality of life is essential to military morale and readiness. The Department of Defense's overall goal is to build strong, cohesive communities and career commitments. DoD's challenge is to balance mission demands with support programs that provide respite, build morale and develop a strong sense of community.

Information, referred to as Read-Aheads, was provided to the military family participants the night before the forum began to assist in setting the stage for the discussions. Information regarding the round-table discussion groups was broken down into the following categories: housing and exchanges; health and human ser-

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vices; community and family services; and economic well being. It was presented in a clear and concise manner covering the background, current status and initiatives to address and improve each area.

During the forum's opening remarks, Secretary Cohen said, "We want to listen to you to find out what we can do to make your lives and the quality of your lives better. If you don't have a good quality of life, you're not going to be happy. If you're not happy, then we're not going to have the superior force in the world that we do. So, this is an opportunity for us to listen to you."

The secretary's wife and co-host, Janet Langhart Cohen, went on to say, "This is your forum. This is our opportunity to hear you. And hopefully, it's an opportunity for you to share jointly some of your programs and ideas that you're already working on in your respective services."

As the forum continued, three panels discussed information regarding pay and compensation, financial stability, family readiness and education; commissary and exchange benefits; housing and health care. Technical experts in each area were present to share their knowledge and answer questions as presented. Some of the questions and answers to these discussions are provided in several articles printed on the Defense Link at www.defenselink.mil.

"Whether the question was related to the disparity in pay for military members vs. private sector employees; affordable and appropriate housing; or the ability to pay co-payments for health care; the overwhelming concern was money," said Dora Mays.

During the panel discussions, according to Mrs. Mays, the panelists presented the topics in this manner: 'Here is what we have identified as problems'; 'Here is what we have done so far to fix problems'; and 'Now we want to hear from you, the ones who are living with these issues'.

"There was never a sense of arrogance or a 'we know it all' attitude," she explained. "It was more of an attitude of we want to hear from you."

According to the Mays', from the beginning of the discussion, it was quite obvious that the participants were far from reserved in asking their questions and lack of candor was never a concern. In fact, time did not allow for all the questions to be addressed in the forum. Therefore, each participant was given several forms to complete, allowing all unasked questions to be submitted in writing, with the assurance that they would receive a written response.

"We asked several additional questions in writing and are awaiting the written response," said Mrs. Mays.

At dinner, following the forum, Secretary Cohen asked the active duty, reserve component members and family members to help spread the word.

"We want you to become salesmen and women," Cohen said. "We want you to go back home..., talk to every one you meet and tell them you had a chance to convey your message to the very top officials in our Department of Defense."

"McClellan personnel can look forward to seeing the results of an issue that is pending action regarding housing priority consideration at gaining installations for families leaving closure bases," said Tech. Sgt. Mays. "I have addressed this specific question to Randall A. Yim, deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations, and was told he is working this issue."

Prior to departing June 1, the Mays' and other participants were given an opportunity to witness the changing of the guard and wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery, Va.

"What better way to end such a significant event, than with an observance signifying respect for the efforts of the men and women who have lost their lives fighting for freedoms that we enjoy in this country," said Dora Mays. "For me, although the trip to Arlington National Cemetery was not on the itinerary, it was extremely appropriate considering this forum was the Secretary's attempt to hear from the people and families that serve and to show his appreciation for their service."

"Overall, this first military family forum received an 'A' from these two participants," said the Mays'.

As the Mays' and their two daughters, Chryston, 10, and Carmon, 13, pack for their permanent change of station to Florida, they want to be sure their fellow military service members know someone is listening to their concerns and taking action.

Tech Sgt. Mays said, "I felt honored to represent AFMC as well as my fellow service members from McClellan. I know Secretary Cohen and his wife feel for us. Even though the actions being taken may not happen as soon as we want them to, they are listening and action is being taken to improve quality of life for the military."

There is talk of the forum becoming an annual event, leaving hope for the possibility of others to have the privilege of this once in a lifetime experience.

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Insurance companies penalized for scam aimed at military members

In response to complaints by military members that a "Flexible Dollar Builder" insurance policy had been misrepresented to them as a savings plan, the Florida Insurance Commissioner and Attorney General began an investigation, which culminated in the filing of charges and an assessment of \$2.4 million in penalties.

Investigators estimate that sales agents targeted military personnel on bases throughout Florida, selling as many as 51,000 policies between 1980 and 1999. Under Florida law, the insurance agents' failure to provide purchasers with the statutorily required Buyer's Guide and Policy Summary constituted an omission, which misrepresented the benefits and terms of the policies.

As a result, Florida residents who pur-

chased the Flexible Dollar Builder or a similar life insurance policy, from American Fidelity Life Insurance Company or Trans World Assurance Company between 1980 and 1999, may be entitled to receive a restitution payment from the company or companies. Claim forms may be obtained directly from the companies, or by filing a complaint with the Florida Department of Insurance, and must be returned or postmarked no later than February 19, 2001.

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Insurance at 1-800-342-2762. Residents of other states are encouraged to contact their home state's Department of Insurance for information on current investigations and the complaint process for that state. *(Information submitted by the base legal office)*

77th Air Base Wing, gets new vice commander

By **Smokey Bassett**
Public Affairs

As the base drawdown and consolidation process continues, Col. Keith Caudle has been assigned as the vice commander, 77th Air Base Wing. He replaces Col. Robert Martinelli who recently retired.

Caudle, who came to the base from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1996, has also been appointed as McClellan's Inspector General. He has been serving as the chief, Plans and Programs, Integration Division (FMP) previous to his move into the command section.



U.S. Air Force photo by Regina Strnad

Henry Walker, 77th Communications Squadron, receives an outstanding civilian career service award from (right) Jim Barone, Sacramento Air Logistics Center director, and Col. Charlie Cotter, 77th Air Base Wing commander.

Base photographer retires

Henry Walker, 77th Communications Squadron, retired from Civil Service June 30 with more than 27 years of faithful duty.

Henry joined the ranks of civil service at McClellan in August 1972 following his 24-year career in the active-duty Air Force. During that time Henry served as a policeman and photographer at various bases around the world. Some of his assignments included: Thailand, Germany, Vietnam, Japan, New Mexico and California.

Although most people know him as the base photographer, Henry actually began work here as a policeman and moved into the base photo lab in 1980.

Over the years he has received literally hundreds of letters of appreciation and commendations for his work and efforts in supporting the base. This was because of his good work and willingness to assist all organizations.

Henry Walker is a part of Team McClellan that will be missed.

Congratulations to July's NCO Academy graduates, promotees

■ July Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 00-5 graduates:

Tech. Sgts.: Barry Cottman, 77th Security Forces Squadron; Scott A. McKee, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron; Andrew J. Pacheco, 77th Air Base Wing; Alvin J. Randolph, 77th Support Group; Johnna M. Urban, 77th Mission Support Squadron.

■ July enlisted promotees:

Master Sgts.: Jeffrey W. Cheney, 364th

Recruiting Squadron; Carl D. Cox, 364th RS.

Tech. Sgts.: Scott Thomason, 77th Medical Operations Squadron; Robert J. Winovich, 77th MDOS.

Staff Sgts.: Stephen Griffieth, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron; Stacie A. Kuhse, 364th RS; Derek J. Plymate, 77th Mission Support Squadron; Christopher Valenzuela, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron.

Senior Airmen: Ameera Beyahbrewer, 77th MSS; Kiwana Y. V. Brantley, 77th Communications Squadron; Anthony W. Logan, II, 938th EIS; Kristan J. Miller, 77th MSS; William Richardson, 77th Security Forces Squadron; Treverly S. Russell, 77th MDOS; Scott E. Tucker, 938th EIS; Waylon J. Walchesky, 77th CS.

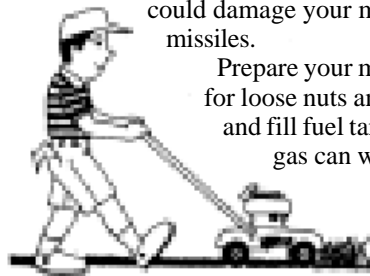
Airman 1st Class: Naomi Delion, 77th MSS.

Lawn mowing safety do's, don'ts to avoid injury

Operating Power: Over 100,000 injuries occur every year due to mishaps that happen while people are operating power lawn mowers. These injuries range in severity from minor cuts to amputation and fatalities.

Let's review some of the precautions you can take which will help prevent a great number of these injuries.

Before starting: Pick up rocks, glass, bits of tree branches or any other objects which could become potential lethal missiles if picked up and hurled by the mower's blades. Observe the location of fixed objects such as pipes, sprinkler heads, curbs, etc., which could damage your mower or break off and become missiles.



Prepare your mower. Make a quick inspection for loose nuts and bolts, check engine oil level, and fill fuel tank before starting. Use a vented gas can with a flex spout.

Things to do: Plan your mowing so that the mower is pushed forward as much as possible.

Many times a foot has been injured or toe amputated because of pulling a mower backward. When mowing on a slope or terrace, make a series of horizontal passes

along the incline. If you push up the incline, you have to let the mower drift back and run the risk of having it come back on your feet. If you push down, you could lose your footing and fall into the mower.

Cut high damp grass at a slower speed with the cutting height set higher than on dry grass. Stop the engine and be sure the blade has completely stopped turning before freeing obstructions from the discharge chute, adjusting cutting height, or performing any operation requiring you to put your hands or feet near the blade.

If you use an electric mower, develop a cutting pattern whereby you can avoid tripping over the cord or cutting it with the mower. Wear eye protection and safety shoes. When using a mower equipped with a rear drag plate, shoes of a sturdy design may be adequate. Ear protection is a must with most mowers. Full-length trousers and shirt will protect you from sunburn and will afford some protection against flying objects.

Things not to do: Don't refuel the mower while the engine is hot. Gasoline vapors can be ignited by a hot exhaust port or engine block. Don't attempt to mow extremely wet grass, it will just clog up the discharge chute. Don't mow wet or damp grass with an electric mower. Don't let a child operate the lawn mower.

(Article submitted by McClellan's Safety Office)

NEWS NOTES

Clinic, pharmacy, laboratory closes early July 27

The McClellan Air Force Base Clinic, 77th Medical Operations Squadron, pharmacy and laboratory will close at 2 p.m. July 27 for official business. They will resume normal hours of operation July 28.

For emergencies, call 911. For non-emergency concerns, call 643-7212, select option 4. For more information, call 643-8055.

Volunteers needed for Eppie's Great Race July 29

Volunteers are needed for the 27th Annual Eppie's Great Race scheduled for July 29. Volunteers will help with setup, parking, crowd control, food services, clean-up and more. Last year the volunteers from McClellan helped with the final stage of the triathlon, Watercraft take-out, by guiding competitors onto the shore taking their canoes/kayaks out of the water. Plan on getting wet. This is a great event for the whole family to participate in; children under 16 must have adult supervision.

For about 4 hours of work, volunteers will receive a commemorative T-Shirt, food and drink coupons, and a sense of pride for contributing to the community. Proceeds from this fund-raising event go to support recreation for people with disabilities.

If interested, call Senior Airman Paul Barnett at 643-8041

Complete tuition assistance forms by Sept. 1

The McClellan Education Services Office needs tuition assistance forms for courses starting the end of September early October to be submitted as soon as possible.

Military members planning to register for college courses beginning prior to Oct. 1 should submit their Air Force Forms 1227, Request for AF Tuition Assistance, to the Education Services Office **NOW** (e.g., National University, Univ of Phoenix, Southern Illinois University, etc.).

Funds need to be obligated as soon as possible to meet the Fiscal Year 2000 funds closeout deadline. For further information, call 643-4776.

Two-year Physician Assistant Training Program

The Physician Assistant Training Program is a 2-year, 2-phase education and training program. The next PA Selection Board is scheduled to convene March 26, 2001. Applications for Physician Assistant training classes beginning in Jan., April and Aug. 2002 will be accepted no earlier than Oct. 1 and no later than Jan. 26, 2001.

Only active duty enlisted Air Force members are eligible for this program. Eligibility includes: must be a US citizen; be on active duty in grade E-3 through E-8 with minimum of 2 years active military service and maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 30, 2002; be less than 35 years of age upon completion of Phase II training; have completed 60 semester hours of transferable college credits (to include 30 semester hours of specific in-classroom courses); have a 2.5 or better GPA; ASVAB/AFCT General score minimum of 80; SAT scores within the past five years.

Completed application packages must arrive at the Base Education Services Office, Bldg. 8, Room 225, NLT Jan. 10, 2001 to allow for review, processing, and forwarding.

Interested personnel should contact Base Education Services, 643-4776, as soon as possible to schedule a counseling appointment.

Society of Military Widows meet Aug. 5

The Society of Military Widows, Sacramento Chapter No. 5, will hold its membership and business meeting Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. in the conference room at the Main Exchange (BX). For more information, call Edna Brown at 422-0891.

Fifty-three years of reliable service without any glitches

Story and photo by Sandra Kosmatin
Staff Writer

The Space and C3I Systems Directorate Paint Shop personnel said good-bye to vehicle booth No. 2250 July 10. This particular paint booth operated for 53 years of service without any glitches or environmental problems.

The huge vehicle paint booth, measuring approximately 140 feet in length and 18 feet tall, has operated as a dry filtration system for the past five years. If you stand by either end, with the huge doors opened, the booth looks like a long wind tunnel or cave. The inside reflects the aging from years of reliable use, which is made evident by the walls covered with multiple colors of paint from years of over spray.

Before the booth's modification in 1995, the booth operated as a waterfall, downdraft and vehicle spray booth since its installation at McClellan Air Force Base in 1947.

Five years ago McClellan's production personnel came up with the idea to convert the booth to a dry filtration system, which is a waterless emission particles removal process, according to Oscar Estela, LH Unit Environmental Coordinator.

"This was a tasking by itself since this booth contains eight exhaust stacks, eight 3-horsepower fans, and an electric dry oven," said Estela. "Nevertheless, the dry filtration modification was a success, not only in reducing the maintenance downtime, but it also eliminated water usage, industrial waste treatment plant discharges, sludge generation and bulging drum problems."

Over the years, the booth has gone through six permit modifications or changes to comply with county rules, according to Estela.

"Many vans and shelters were sprayed through the 'old reliable'," said Estela. "Prior to the mod, the fall-back on this booth was that it would take approximately five down days for maintenance and water sludge removal, not to include the headaches with bulging drums containing the sludge," he commented.

"It is very sad to say good-bye to 'old reliable'," said Estela. "This is where I got my feet wet when I started in environmental, back in June 1986."

Robert Russell, Van and Paint Unit chief



Six of the remaining 12 employees from the Space and C3I Systems Directorate stand inside "old reliable", vehicle paint booth No. 2250, July 10. From left, Robert Russell, Robert Luna, Leonard Coote, Ron Wabinga, Robert Anderson and Michelle Gillespie.

comments on the closing of the booth, "It's real sad considering that it was constructed in 1947 and has been in use for 53 years. This was the most faithful booth we ever had."

"The pit inside the booth was used to undercoat vans and vehicles," Russell explained. "Without it, we would not have been able to access underneath the vehicles due to their size."

Most vehicles took an entire shift to paint. The booth accommodated three to four large shelter systems at a time. The shop's other paint booth, known as the big booth, only accommodated one vehicle or shelter at a time and it would have to be placed on metal saw horses to paint the underside, according to Russell.

"Old reliable painted the last big system to come through our shop, the Firefinder Radar System, July 10," said Russell. The radar system, painted in camouflage, will be shipped to Tobyhanna, Penn., with the workload transfer.

The vehicle paint booth uses a chemical agent-resistant coating to paint the vans, shelters, vehicles and systems, such as the Firefinder Radar System.

According to Russell, the vehicle booth was originally used to paint vehicles and heavy equipment.

"It was primarily used by the motorpool," said Russell. "Then sometime during the early 1960's, the Aircraft Division took ownership of the booth and used it to paint a variety of items including everything from small parts to large vans, vehicles and 47-foot trailers."

In the early 1980's, Communications and Electronics Division (MAI) took possession of the booth from the Aircraft Division (MAB). MAI later was reorganized and became Space and C3I Systems Directorate, known as LH. The Communications and Electronics Division remains the same except that the office symbol was changed to LHP, who has operated the booth ever since.

For this organization, the closing of this booth and the entire shop brings an end to a long friendship. Not just with the tools used to do their job, but the relationships they have built with each other over the years. Estela, the LH UEC, who has worked closely with the paint shop, is moving on to Ogden, Utah, in February. The shop's remaining 12 employees are scheduled to move to Bldg. 640 Friday. Nine of the employees are scheduled to retire in September, one is transferring to Sharp Army Depot in Tracy and two will be separated in September.

Personnel to hold RIF question, answer sessions

The Benefits Section of Civilian Personnel will conduct question and answer sessions July 27 for those employees who have received a Reduction In Force notice.

A representative from the Employment Development Department will be available to address unemployment questions. Employees will also have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the following benefits:

- Health benefits
- Life insurance
- Thrift Savings Plan
- CSRS Retirement & FERS Retirement
- Severance Pay
- Unemployment Insurance

The following sessions are available with limited seating.

Time	Who should attend
9 a.m.	Employees who are NOT retirement eligible
1 p.m.	Employees who ARE retirement eligible

Interested employees may reserve a spot by calling 643-5703 between noon and 3 p.m. or by sending an e-mail to either Patricia Sumner or Jacqueline Lessa.

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 200, Room 40, at 643-5661. The center is open Monday and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Financial Analyst, GS-1160-07
Annc#: RB9-00-21
Close: July 26
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Education, Office of Inspector General
POC: Sharon Wysinger (415) 556-4125
Remarks: See note.

Position: Financial Analyst, GS-1160-07
Annc#: ED9-00-20
Close: July 26
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Education, Office of Inspector General
POC: Sharon Wysinger (415) 556-4125
Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center.

Position: Maintenance Mechanic, WG-4749-10
Annc#: 2000-91MS
Close: July 31
Location: McClellan AFB, CA
Agency: VA, Veterans Health Administration
POC: Barbara Nelson (925) 372-2120
Remarks: See note.

Position: Hydraulic Engineer, GS-0810-11/12
Annc#: BOR-MP-00-131
Close: July 24
Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
POC: Inga Hall 978-5471
Remarks: See note.

Position: Program Manager GS-0340-14
Annc#: WCPOC-0340-B
Close: Aug. 12
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: U.S. Army Corp of Eng
POC: Susan Wallis 557-5174
Remarks: Copies of the Job Vacancy are available in the FOCUS Center.

Position: Criminal Investigator GS-1811-11/12
Annc#: SWRO 135/00JM
Close: July 31
Location: Sacramento, CA
Agency: Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
POC: Deborah Abeita (505) 346-7573
Remarks: See note.

Position: Medical Equipment Repairer, WG-4805-11
Annc#: BBU000808A
Close: Aug. 14
Location: Tracy, CA
Agency: U.S. Army Medical Command
POC: DEU (410) 306-0031
Remarks: See note.

Position: Medical Equipment Repairer, WG-4805-11
Annc#: BB007228A
Close: Aug. 8
Location: Tracy, CA
Agency: U.S. Army Medical Command
POC: Ellie Bromfield (301) 619-3367
Remarks: See note.

Position: Safety and Occupational Health MGR, GS-0018-11
Annc#: R503-309-00G
Close: Aug. 10

Location: El Dorado County/Nevada County, CA
Agency: USDA, Forest Service
POC: Nancie Wilson (530) 642-5186
Remarks: See note.

Position: Equal Employment Specialist, GS-0260-11/12
Annc#: R5-373-00G
Close: Aug. 9
Location: Vallejo, CA
Agency: USDA, Forest Service
POC: Dawn Hayhurst (510) 559-6364
Remarks: See note.

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Federal job fair Aug. 2

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring a Federal Government job fair, Aug. 2, 1 - 4 p.m. in the base Community Center, Bldg. 1425.

For additional information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661.

Special thanks

With all my love and deep appreciation to the most wonderful family and friends who came to my rescue and gave up their leave to help me. I was unable to obtain a list of people who donated their leave to me, but I pretty much know who you are.

I also want to thank those who gave their thoughts and prayers on my behalf—what a wonderful thing to do.

Love,
Judy Garoutte

Former McClellan Supply Technician



Movies

Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Gone In 60 Seconds - Friday and Sunday
Starring: Nicolas Cage and Giovanni Ribisi

A car thief agrees to lead his gang one last time before they retire to take on the challenge of stealing fifty cars in a single night to save his brother's life from the mob. The problem is that another gang is aiming for the same heist, and the police are after them too. (PG -13 -for violence, language and some sensuality)

Dinosaur - Saturday
Starring: Live Action Animation

Set 65 million years ago during the late Cretaceous Period, an Iguanodon named Aladar, is separated from his own species and raised on an island paradise by a clan of Lemurs. When a devastating meteor shower plunges their world into chaos, Aladar and several members of his family escape and join a group of dinosaurs searching for a safe new nesting ground. With water and food in short supply and bloodthirsty predators posing an ever-present danger, the herd faces many life-threatening obstacles during the course of their treacherous trek. (PG - intense images)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.; Monarchs Basketball Game, 7 p.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, snack bar and gym, 2-6 p.m.; Teen night, ages 13-18, 6:30-10 p.m., members free, nonmembers \$2.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon-5 p.m. Art Club meets at noon.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m. and 4:15-6 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 643-2074.

Clinic adopts care optimization

The Air Force Medical Service has undergone significant re-engineering over the past 4 years.

The primary focus of this re-engineering effort is to move from a reactive, sickness-based, largely inefficient health-care delivery system to a more efficient, proactive, prevention-based system. This movement involved changes in how the Air Force Medical Service will be providing care in the future.

The new concept in medical care delivery is known as **Primary Care Optimization or PCO team**. This new model mirrors the flight medicine concept in that the PCO team consists of a primary care manager, a nurse, two medical technicians and administrative personnel. Each of the personnel on the PCO team will be able to address acute as well as routine needs of patients.

For example, a patient calls with a concern, the phone call will be handled by a nurse or another member of the PCO team to determine if and when the patient needs to be evaluated by the provider. This new model provides continuity of patient care by allowing a defined population to obtain the appropriate level of care at the right time by the same primary care manager team.

The designated PCO team will maintain each team's medical records as well. This shift will allow the patient's PCM to have direct access to your medical records. The primary care manager team will shoulder full

responsibility for care provided to the assigned population either personally or via the PCM team, i.e., a registered nurse etc.

The PCO concept is being deployed at the Primary Care Clinic, 77th Medical Operations Squadron, as other clinics and hospitals throughout the Air Force.

Effective Sept. 29, the Primary Care Clinic will have two Primary Care Managers, Dr. Robyn Lakamsani and Dr. Ken Lee. The remaining squadrons on base will fall under the following providers and will receive care under the PCO concept:

Maj. (Dr.) Robyn Lakamsani
SM-ALC (CCC, FM, JA, LI, PK, CL, HO, LA, MQ, QL, EM, IG, LH, PA, SE) Communications Squadron, 77th Medical Operations Squadron, 364th Recruiting Squadron.

Lt. Col (Dr.) Ken Lee
U.S. Coast Guard, 77th Air Base Wing (Command Post, Chapel, XP, LG, SPTG, Services)

Each PCO team will brief their squadrons on the concept and be available to answer any questions the customer might have. A member of the Tricare office will also accompany the PCO team. The PCO provider and team members can be contacted via the appointment system at 643-7212 for an acute or same day appointment, or to speak with PCO team member.

If you have any additional questions, contact the Primary Care Clinic at 643-7212. (Information submitted by the 77th Medical Operations Squadron)

Privately owned weapons must be removed by Feb. 1

All civilian, retired and active duty personnel who are currently storing weapons or ammunition in the 77th Security Forces Armory, Bldg. 1104, must have all their weapons and ammunition removed no later than Feb. 1.

All weapons and ammu-



nition left after that date will be turned over to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for destruction.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for pick-up, call Staff Sgt. Richard Bouwhuis, Armory NCOIC at 643-5170.

Nearly 20,000 selected for promotion to E-5

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The Air Force released the Staff Sergeant promotion list early Wednesday morning. (Thursday for those units across the International Date Line.)

The Air Force selected 19,605 of 38,654 eligible senior airman for promotion to staff sergeant. This represents an overall 51 percent selection rate for the 00E5 cycle for an all-time record setting percentage.

The complete list of selectees becomes available on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> July 21, by end of duty day CST.

"Year 2000 promotion promises more of the same good news we had in 1999," said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Vacancies within each grade drive those promotions and as long as the vacancies exist, we will continue promoting our best qualified to the next higher rank."

As evidenced by the higher rates, tremendous opportunity for advancement exists in today's Air Force for those willing to put forth that extra effort on the job and preparing for promotion tests.

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," added center officials.

In addition, Air Staff force structure officials stated the primary reason for increased promotion rates is the transition to a higher percentage of "top five" NCOs previously at 45 percent of the enlisted force, now at 52 percent and headed to 56 percent. Continued retention challenges in the midst of a booming economy and thriving civilian job market also played a role in the greater number of vacancies.

People who tested are expected to receive their score notices in late July, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts. These score notices allow members to know how their promotion fitness examination and skills knowledge test scores rank against those they're directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average selectee score for the staff sergeant test cycle was 266.48 points based on the following:

- 130.12 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 49.48 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 54.39 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 22.08 Time in Grade
- 13.13 Time in Service

■ 1.21 Decorations

The average selectee has 2.63 years time in grade and 4.51 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September to August 2001. (AFPN)

McClellan's newest promotees

364th Recruiter Squadron

Sylvester Berry, II
Richard S. Laca
Deborah C. Wagner
Michael Montgomery

Gaddie L. Wider, Jr.

652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron

Eva Merced

938th Engineering Installation Squadron

James P. Bane
James A. Beaudet, II
Brian S. Bussie
Christopher Carlis
Michael S. Gardner
Audy V. Novoa
Eric W. Reuter
Daniel B. Smith
Jeffrey Tyler
Carlos Villanueva
Paul H. Wagner

77th Air Base Wing

Benny A. Eggers, Jr.
Javier T. Farrar
Brett W. Hamilton
James C. Perez
Richard Robertson

77th Communications Squadron

Benji D. Crum
David W. Faulkner
Daniel S. Harbour
Wesley M. Harmon
Christopher Litton
Janice K.S. Luke
Christopher Osteen
Rachelle R. Pienta-McClure
Edwin Rivera
Stephan C. Swick
Shawn D. Wanek
Todd D. Weingeroff
Ricky Y. Yamaoka

77th Support Group

Lance Lap Chi

77th Mission Support Squadron

Jesus S. Alcaraz
Lawrence D. Askew
Jason E. Johnson

77th Security Forces Squadron

Brian W. Brooks
Jonathan Brunelle
Sean M. Elliott
Marcus Gainey
Juan M. Gonzalez, Jr.
Jennifer A. Kyle
Thomas J. Lockwood
Thomas R. Middleton
Ross L. Morgan
Neil E. Watkins
Christopher Weldon

77th Medical Operations Squadron

Sabrina Amador
Paul M. Barnett
Jason R. Buckley
Crystal A. Gomez
David J. Insogna
Robert L.I. Jackson
Kimberly Murchison
Shawn L. Owens
Victoria M. Smith
Teri L. Soto
Michelle Sredinski
Shari K. Staats

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Computer -- Power Macintosh 6100/60 computer, 16 meg RAM, 250 meg hard drive, PageMaker, QuarkExpress, Windows, and much more, \$400 obo. Call 726-4570.

Waterbed -- Maple finished supersingle waterbed on pedestal with four drawers, mirrored headboard, liner, mattress and heater, \$150 obo; older 3-wheel golf cart, \$250 obo. Call (530) 633-0896 after 6 p.m.

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Only a home phone or address may be used in the ad; no base extensions or base e-mail addresses are allowed, except for dormitory residents (residential status must be stated on ad). Personal e-mail addresses will be accepted.

Drop off ads at Bldg. 200, room 125. Swap ads will not be published without a signature.

The deadline is noon, Wednesday for possible

publication in the following Thursday's issue. Only one Swap ad per household per week, up to 50 words, may be submitted.

However, the ad can apply to more than one category, such as items wanted/trade, vehicles, furniture and yard sales. Spacemaker reserves the right to edit.

No ads for money-making businesses, including daycare, or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted.

To run a swap ad again, it must be resubmitted. For more information, call the Spacemaker at 643-6100.